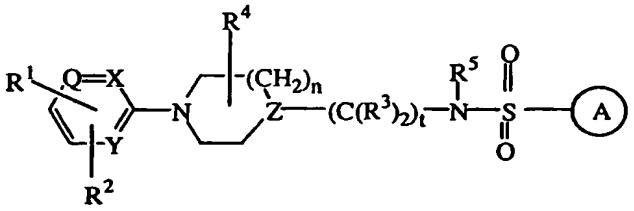
Claims

1. A compound of formula (I),



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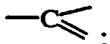
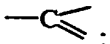
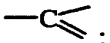
the *N*-oxide forms, the pharmaceutically acceptable addition salts and the stereochemically isomeric forms thereof, wherein

n is 0, 1, 2 or 3 and when n is 0 then a direct bond is intended;

t is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4 and when t is 0 then a direct bond is intended;

each Q is nitrogen or  ;

each X is nitrogen or  ;

each Y is nitrogen or  ;

each Z is nitrogen or  ;

$R^1$ is $-C(O)NR^8R^9$, $-N(H)C(O)R^{10}$, $-C(O)-C_{1-6}alkanediylSR^{10}$, $-NR^{11}C(O)N(OH)R^{10}$, $-NR^{11}C(O)C_{1-6}alkanediylSR^{10}$, $-NR^{11}C(O)C=N(OH)R^{10}$ or another Zn-chelating-group

wherein $R^8$ and $R^9$ are each independently selected from hydrogen, hydroxy, $C_{1-6}alkyl$, $hydroxyC_{1-6}alkyl$, $aminoC_{1-6}alkyl$ or aminoaryl;

$R^{10}$ is independently selected from hydrogen, $C_{1-6}alkyl$, $C_{1-6}alkylcarbonyl$, $arylC_{1-6}alkyl$, $C_{1-6}alkylpyrazinyl$, pyridinone, pyrrolidinone or methylimidazolyl;

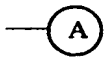
$R^{11}$ is independently selected from hydrogen or $C_{1-6}alkyl$;

$R^2$ is hydrogen, halo, hydroxy, amino, nitro, $C_{1-6}alkyl$, $C_{1-6}alkyloxy$, trifluoromethyl, $di(C_{1-6}alkyl)amino$, hydroxyamino or naphtalenylsulfonylpyrazinyl;

each $R^3$ independently represents a hydrogen atom and one hydrogen atom can be replaced by a substituent selected from aryl;

$R^4$ is hydrogen, hydroxy, amino, hydroxy$C_{1-6}$alkyl, $C_{1-6}$alkyl, $C_{1-6}$alkyloxy, aryl$C_{1-6}$alkyl, aminocarbonyl, hydroxycarbonyl, amino$C_{1-6}$alkyl, aminocarbonyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl, hydroxycarbonyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl, hydroxyaminocarbonyl, $C_{1-6}$alkyloxycarbonyl, $C_{1-6}$alkylamino$C_{1-6}$alkyl or di($C_{1-6}$alkyl)amino$C_{1-6}$alkyl;

$R^5$ is hydrogen, $C_{1-6}$alkyl, $C_{3-10}$cycloalkyl, hydroxy$C_{1-6}$alkyl, $C_{1-6}$alkyloxy$C_{1-6}$alkyl, di($C_{1-6}$alkyl)amino$C_{1-6}$alkyl or aryl;



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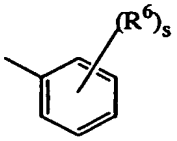

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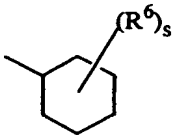

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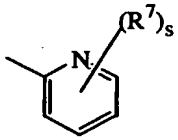

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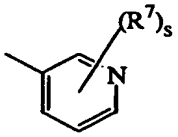

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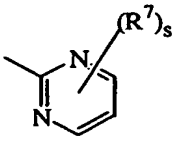

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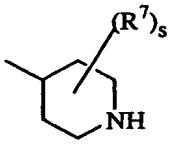

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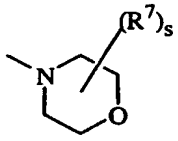

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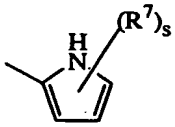

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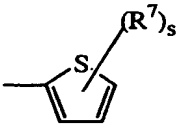

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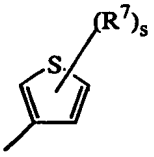

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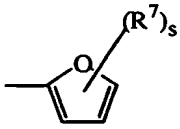

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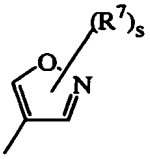

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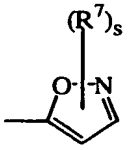

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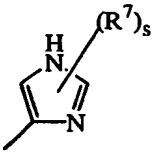

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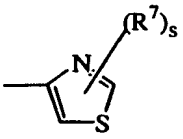

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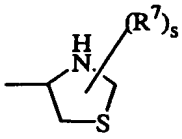

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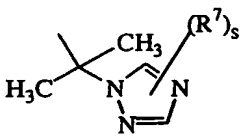

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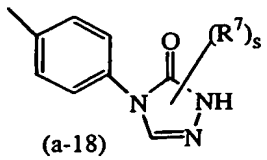

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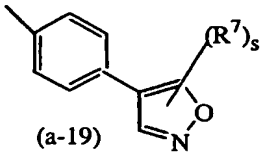

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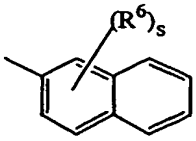

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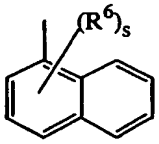

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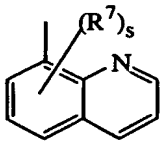

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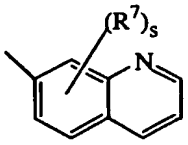

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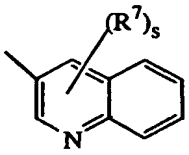

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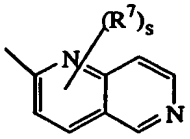

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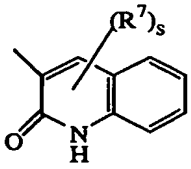

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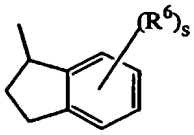

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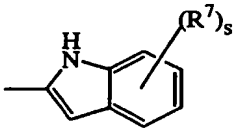

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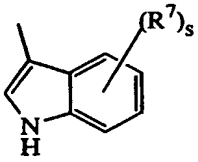

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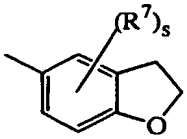

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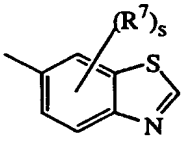

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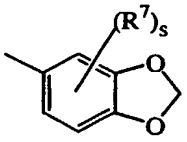

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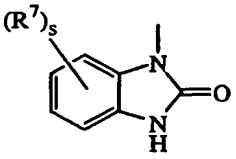

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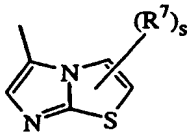

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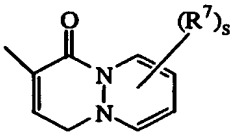

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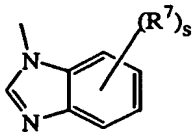

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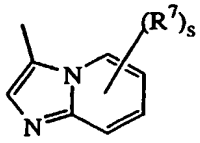

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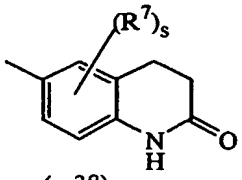

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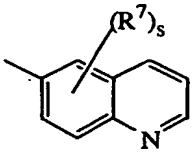

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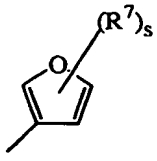

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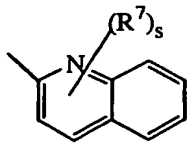

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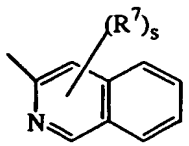

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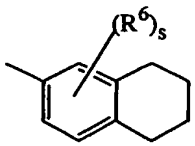

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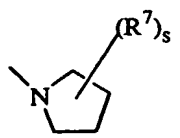

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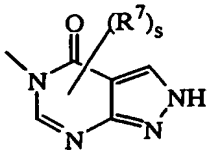

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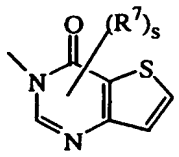

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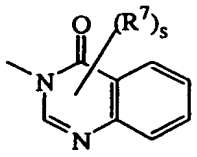

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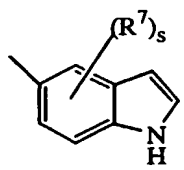

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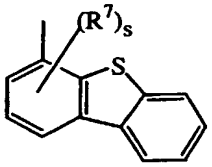

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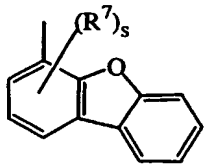

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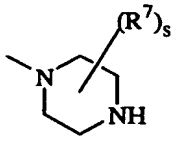

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wherein each s is independently 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5;

each $R^6$ and $R^7$ are independently selected from hydrogen; halo; hydroxy; amino; nitro; trihalo$C_{1-6}$alkyl; trihalo$C_{1-6}$alkyloxy; $C_{1-6}$alkyl; $C_{1-6}$alkyl substituted with aryl and $C_{3-10}$cycloalkyl; $C_{1-6}$alkyloxy; $C_{1-6}$alkyloxy$C_{1-6}$alkyloxy; $C_{1-6}$alkylcarbonyl; $C_{1-6}$alkyloxycarbonyl; $C_{1-6}$alkylsulfonyl; cyano$C_{1-6}$alkyl; hydroxy$C_{1-6}$alkyl; hydroxy$C_{1-6}$alkyloxy; hydroxy$C_{1-6}$alkylamino; amino$C_{1-6}$alkyloxy; di($C_{1-6}$alkyl)aminocarbonyl; di(hydroxy$C_{1-6}$alkyl)amino; (aryl)($C_{1-6}$alkyl)amino; di($C_{1-6}$alkyl)amino$C_{1-6}$alkyloxy; di($C_{1-6}$alkyl)amino$C_{1-6}$alkylamino; di($C_{1-6}$alkyl)amino$C_{1-6}$alkylamino$C_{1-6}$alkyl; arylsulfonyl; arylsulfonylamino; aryloxy; aryloxy$C_{1-6}$alkyl; aryl$C_{2-6}$alkenediyl; di($C_{1-6}$alkyl)amino; di($C_{1-6}$alkyl)amino$C_{1-6}$alkyl; di($C_{1-6}$alkyl)amino($C_{1-6}$alkyl)amino; di($C_{1-6}$alkyl)amino($C_{1-6}$alkyl)amino$C_{1-6}$alkyl; di($C_{1-6}$alkyl)amino$C_{1-6}$alkyl($C_{1-6}$alkyl)amino; di($C_{1-6}$alkyl)amino$C_{1-6}$alkyl($C_{1-6}$alkyl)amino$C_{1-6}$alkyl; aminosulfonylamino($C_{1-6}$alkyl)amino; aminosulfonylamino($C_{1-6}$alkyl)amino$C_{1-6}$alkyl; di($C_{1-6}$alkyl)aminosulfonylamino($C_{1-6}$alkyl)amino; di($C_{1-6}$alkyl)aminosulfonylamino($C_{1-6}$alkyl)amino$C_{1-6}$alkyl; cyano; thiophenyl; thiophenyl substituted with di($C_{1-6}$alkyl)amino$C_{1-6}$alkyl($C_{1-6}$alkyl)amino$C_{1-6}$alkyl, di($C_{1-6}$alkyl)amino$C_{1-6}$alkyl, $C_{1-6}$alkylpiperazinyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl, hydroxy$C_{1-6}$alkylpiperazinyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl, hydroxy$C_{1-6}$alkyloxy$C_{1-6}$alkylpiperazinyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl,

di($C_{1-6}$alkyl)aminosulfonylpiperazinyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl, $C_{1-6}$alkyloxypiperidinyl, $C_{1-6}$alkyloxypiperidinyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl, morpholinyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl, hydroxy$C_{1-6}$alkyl($C_{1-6}$alkyl)amino$C_{1-6}$alkyl, or di(hydroxy$C_{1-6}$alkyl)amino$C_{1-6}$alkyl; furanyl; furanyl substituted with hydroxy$C_{1-6}$alkyl; benzofuranyl; imidazolyl; oxazolyl; oxazolyl substituted with aryl and $C_{1-6}$alkyl; $C_{1-6}$alkyltriazolyl; tetrazolyl; pyrrolidinyl; pyrrolyl; piperidinyl$C_{1-6}$alkyloxy; morpholinyl; $C_{1-6}$alkylmorpholinyl; morpholinyl$C_{1-6}$alkyloxy; morpholinyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl; morpholinyl$C_{1-6}$alkylamino; morpholinyl$C_{1-6}$alkylamino$C_{1-6}$alkyl; piperazinyl; $C_{1-6}$alkylpiperazinyl; $C_{1-6}$alkylpiperazinyl$C_{1-6}$alkyloxy; piperazinyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl; naphtalenylsulfonylpiperazinyl; naphtalenylsulfonylpiperidinyl; naphtalenylsulfonyl; $C_{1-6}$alkylpiperazinyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl; $C_{1-6}$alkylpiperazinyl$C_{1-6}$alkylamino; $C_{1-6}$alkylpiperazinyl$C_{1-6}$alkylamino$C_{1-6}$alkyl; $C_{1-6}$alkylpiperazinylsulfonyl; aminosulfonylpiperazinyl$C_{1-6}$alkyloxy; aminosulfonylpiperazinyl; aminosulfonylpiperazinyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl; di($C_{1-6}$alkyl)aminosulfonylpiperazinyl; di($C_{1-6}$alkyl)aminosulfonylpiperazinyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl; hydroxy$C_{1-6}$alkylpiperazinyl; hydroxy$C_{1-6}$alkylpiperazinyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl; $C_{1-6}$alkyloxypiperidinyl; $C_{1-6}$alkyloxypiperidinyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl; piperidinylamino$C_{1-6}$alkylamino; piperidinylamino$C_{1-6}$alkylamino$C_{1-6}$alkyl; ($C_{1-6}$alkylpiperidinyl)(hydroxy$C_{1-6}$alkyl)amino$C_{1-6}$alkylamino; ($C_{1-6}$alkylpiperidinyl)(hydroxy$C_{1-6}$alkyl)amino$C_{1-6}$alkylamino$C_{1-6}$alkyl; hydroxy$C_{1-6}$alkyloxy$C_{1-6}$alkylpiperazinyl; hydroxy$C_{1-6}$alkyloxy$C_{1-6}$alkylpiperazinyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl; (hydroxy$C_{1-6}$alkyl)($C_{1-6}$alkyl)amino; (hydroxy$C_{1-6}$alkyl)($C_{1-6}$alkyl)amino$C_{1-6}$alkyl; hydroxy$C_{1-6}$alkylamino$C_{1-6}$alkyl; di(hydroxy$C_{1-6}$alkyl)amino$C_{1-6}$alkyl; pyrrolidinyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl; pyrrolidinyl$C_{1-6}$alkyloxy; pyrazolyl; thiopyrazolyl; pyrazolyl substituted with two substituents selected from $C_{1-6}$alkyl or trihalo$C_{1-6}$alkyl; pyridinyl; pyridinyl substituted with $C_{1-6}$alkyloxy, aryloxy or aryl; pyrimidinyl; tetrahydropyrimidinylpiperazinyl; tetrahydropyrimidinylpiperazinyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl; quinolinyl; indole; phenyl; phenyl substituted with one, two or three substituents independently selected from halo, amino, nitro, $C_{1-6}$alkyl, $C_{1-6}$alkyloxy, hydroxy$C_{1-4}$alkyl, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethyloxy, hydroxy$C_{1-4}$alkyloxy, $C_{1-4}$alkylsulfonyl, $C_{1-4}$alkyloxy$C_{1-4}$alkyloxy, $C_{1-4}$alkyloxycarbonyl, amino$C_{1-4}$alkyloxy, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino$C_{1-4}$alkyloxy, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)aminocarbonyl, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino$C_{1-4}$alkyl, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino$C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{1-4}$alkyl, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino($C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino($C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino$C_{1-4}$alkyl, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino$C_{1-4}$alkyl($C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino$C_{1-4}$alkyl($C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino$C_{1-4}$alkyl,

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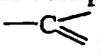
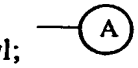
di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)aminosulfonylamino($C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino,
di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)aminosulfonylamino($C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino$C_{1-6}$alkyl, cyano,
piperidinyl$C_{1-4}$alkyloxy, pyrrolidinyl$C_{1-4}$alkyloxy, aminosulfonylpiperazinyl,
aminosulfonylpiperazinyl$C_{1-4}$alkyl, di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)aminosulfonylpiperazinyl,
di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)aminosulfonylpiperazinyl$C_{1-4}$alkyl, hydroxy$C_{1-4}$alkylpiperazinyl,
hydroxy$C_{1-4}$alkylpiperazinyl$C_{1-4}$alkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkyloxypiperidinyl,
$C_{1-4}$alkyloxypiperidinyl$C_{1-4}$alkyl, hydroxy$C_{1-4}$alkyloxy$C_{1-4}$alkylpiperazinyl,
hydroxy$C_{1-4}$alkyloxy$C_{1-4}$alkylpiperazinyl$C_{1-4}$alkyl,
(hydroxy$C_{1-4}$alkyl)($C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino, (hydroxy$C_{1-4}$alkyl)($C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino$C_{1-4}$alkyl,
di(hydroxy$C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino, di(hydroxy$C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino$C_{1-4}$alkyl, furanyl, furanyl
substituted with –CH=CH-CH=CH-, pyrrolidinyl$C_{1-4}$alkyl, pyrrolidinyl$C_{1-4}$alkyloxy,
morpholinyl, morpholinyl$C_{1-4}$alkyloxy, morpholinyl$C_{1-4}$alkyl,
morpholinyl$C_{1-4}$alkylamino, morpholinyl$C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{1-4}$alkyl, piperazinyl,
$C_{1-4}$alkylpiperazinyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylpiperazinyl$C_{1-4}$alkyloxy, piperazinyl$C_{1-4}$alkyl,
$C_{1-4}$alkylpiperazinyl$C_{1-4}$alkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylpiperazinyl$C_{1-4}$alkylamino,
$C_{1-4}$alkylpiperazinyl$C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{1-6}$alkyl, tetrahydropyrimidinylpiperazinyl,
tetrahydropyrimidinylpiperazinyl$C_{1-4}$alkyl, piperidinylamino$C_{1-4}$alkylamino,
piperidinylamino$C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{1-4}$alkyl,
($C_{1-4}$alkylpiperidinyl)(hydroxy$C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino$C_{1-4}$alkylamino,
($C_{1-4}$alkylpiperidinyl)(hydroxy$C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino$C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{1-4}$alkyl,
pyridinyl$C_{1-4}$alkyloxy, hydroxy$C_{1-4}$alkylamino, hydroxy$C_{1-4}$alkylamino$C_{1-4}$alkyl,
di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino$C_{1-4}$alkylamino, aminothiadiazolyl,
aminosulfonylpiperazinyl$C_{1-4}$alkyloxy, or thiophenyl$C_{1-4}$alkylamino;

each $R^6$ and $R^7$ can be placed on the nitrogen in replacement of the hydrogen;

aryl in the above is phenyl, or phenyl substituted with one or more substituents each independently selected from halo, $C_{1-6}$alkyl, $C_{1-6}$alkyloxy, trifluoromethyl, cyano or hydroxycarbonyl.

2. A compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein n is 0, 1 or 2; t is 0, 1, 2 or 3; each Q is  ; $R^1$ is –C(O)NH(OH) or $-NR^{11}C(O)C=N(OH)R^{10}$ wherein $R^{10}$ is aryl$C_{1-6}$alkyl and $R^{11}$ is hydrogen; $R^2$ is hydrogen, $C_{1-6}$alkyl or naphtalenylsulfonylpyrazinyl; each $R^3$ independently represents a hydrogen atom; $R^4$ is hydrogen, hydroxy, hydroxy$C_{1-6}$alkyl or $C_{1-6}$alkyloxy; $R^5$ is hydrogen, $C_{1-6}$alkyl, hydroxy$C_{1-6}$alkyl or $C_{1-6}$alkyloxy$C_{1-6}$alkyl;  is a radical selected

from (a-1), (a-7) or (a-20); each s is independently 0 or 1; each $R^6$ is independently selected from hydrogen; thiophenyl; furanyl; benzofuranyl; phenyl; or phenyl substituted with one substituents independently selected from $C_{1-6}$alkyl, $C_{1-6}$alkyloxy, hydroxy$C_{1-4}$alkyl, $C_{1-4}$alkylsulfonyl or di($C_{1-4}$alkyl)amino and each $R^7$ is independently selected from hydrogen.

3. A compound according to claim 1 wherein t is 0;

$R^1$ is $-C(O)NR^8R^9$, $-C(O)$-$C_{1-6}$alkanediylS$R^{10}$, $-NR^{11}C(O)N(OH)R^{10}$, $-NR^{11}C(O)C_{1-6}$alkanediylS$R^{10}$, $-NR^{11}C(O)C{=}N(OH)R^{10}$ or another Zn-chelating-group wherein $R^8$ and $R^9$ are each independently selected from hydrogen, hydroxy, hydroxy$C_{1-6}$alkyl or amino$C_{1-6}$alkyl;

$R^2$ is hydrogen, halo, hydroxy, amino, nitro, $C_{1-6}$alkyl, $C_{1-6}$alkyloxy, trifluoromethyl or di($C_{1-6}$alkyl)amino;

$R^4$ is hydrogen, hydroxy, amino, hydroxy$C_{1-6}$alkyl, $C_{1-6}$alkyl, $C_{1-6}$alkyloxy, aryl$C_{1-6}$alkyl, aminocarbonyl, amino$C_{1-6}$alkyl, $C_{1-6}$alkylamino$C_{1-6}$alkyl or di($C_{1-6}$alkyl)amino$C_{1-6}$alkyl;

$R^5$ is hydrogen;

—(A) is a radical selected from

(a-1), (a-3), (a-4), (a-5), (a-6), (a-7), (a-8), (a-9), (a-10), (a-11), (a-12), (a-13), (a-14), (a-15), (a-16), (a-17), (a-18), (a-19), (a-20), (a-21), (a-22), (a-23), (a-24), (a-25), (a-26), (a-28), (a-29), (a-30), (a-31), (a-32), (a-33), (a-34), (a-35), (a-36), (a-37), (a-38), (a-39), (a-40), (a-41), (a-42), (a-44), (a-45), (a-46), (a-47), (a-48) or (a-51);

each s is independently 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4;

$R^6$ is hydrogen; halo; hydroxy; amino; nitro; trihalo$C_{1-6}$alkyl; trihalo$C_{1-6}$alkyloxy; $C_{1-6}$alkyl; $C_{1-6}$alkyloxy; $C_{1-6}$alkylcarbonyl; $C_{1-6}$alkyloxycarbonyl; $C_{1-6}$alkylsulfonyl; hydroxy$C_{1-6}$alkyl; aryloxy; di($C_{1-6}$alkyl)amino; cyano; thiophenyl; furanyl; furanyl substituted with hydroxy$C_{1-6}$alkyl; benzofuranyl; imidazolyl; oxazolyl; oxazolyl substituted with aryl and $C_{1-6}$alkyl; $C_{1-6}$alkyltriazolyl; tetrazolyl; pyrrolidinyl; pyrrolyl; morpholinyl; $C_{1-6}$alkylmorpholinyl; piperazinyl; $C_{1-6}$alkylpiperazinyl; hydroxy$C_{1-6}$alkylpiperazinyl; $C_{1-6}$alkyloxypiperidinyl; pyrazoly; pyrazolyl substituted with one or two substituents selected from $C_{1-6}$alkyl or trihalo$C_{1-6}$alkyl; pyridinyl; pyridinyl substituted with $C_{1-6}$alkyloxy, aryloxy or aryl; pyrimidinyl; quinolinyl; indole; phenyl; or phenyl substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from halo, $C_{1-6}$alkyl, $C_{1-6}$alkyloxy or trifluoromethyl; and

$R^7$ is hydrogen; halo; hydroxy; amino; nitro; trihalo$C_{1-6}$alkyl; trihalo$C_{1-6}$alkyloxy; $C_{1-6}$alkyl; $C_{1-6}$alkyloxy; $C_{1-6}$alkylcarbonyl; $C_{1-6}$alkyloxycarbonyl; $C_{1-6}$alkylsulfonyl;

hydroxy$C_{1-6}$alkyl; aryloxy; di($C_{1-6}$alkyl)amino; cyano; pyridinyl; phenyl; or phenyl substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from halo, $C_{1-6}$alkyl, $C_{1-6}$alkyloxy or trifluoromethyl.

4. A compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein

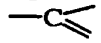
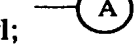
$R^8$ and $R^9$ are each independently selected from hydrogen, hydroxy, hydroxy$C_{1-6}$alkyl, amino$C_{1-6}$alkyl or aminoaryl;

$R^5$ is hydrogen, $C_{1-6}$alkyl, $C_{3-10}$cycloalkyl, hydroxy$C_{1-6}$alkyl, $C_{1-6}$alkyloxy$C_{1-6}$alkyl or di($C_{1-6}$alkyl)amino$C_{1-6}$alkyl;

—(A) is a radical selected from (a-1), (a-2), (a-3), (a-4), (a-5), (a-6), (a-7), (a-8), (a-9), (a-10), (a-11), (a-12), (a-13), (a-14), (a-15), (a-16), (a-17), (a-18), (a-19), (a-20), (a-21), (a-22), (a-23), (a-24), (a-25), (a-26), (a-27), (a-28), (a-29), (a-30), (a-31), (a-32), (a-33), (a-34), (a-35), (a-36), (a-37), (a-38), (a-39), (a-40), (a-41), (a-42) (a-43) or (a-44);

each $R^6$ and $R^7$ are independently selected from hydrogen; halo; hydroxy; amino; nitro; trihalo$C_{1-6}$alkyl; trihalo$C_{1-6}$alkyloxy; $C_{1-6}$alkyl; $C_{1-6}$alkyloxy; $C_{1-6}$alkyloxy$C_{1-6}$alkyloxy; $C_{1-6}$alkylcarbonyl; $C_{1-6}$alkylsulfonyl; cyano$C_{1-6}$alkyl; hydroxy$C_{1-6}$alkyl; hydroxy$C_{1-6}$alkyloxy; hydroxy$C_{1-6}$alkylamino; amino$C_{1-6}$alkyloxy; di($C_{1-6}$alkyl)aminocarbonyl; di(hydroxy$C_{1-6}$alkyl)amino; aryl$C_{1-6}$alkyl)amino; di($C_{1-6}$alkyl)amino$C_{1-6}$alkyloxy; di($C_{1-6}$alkyl)amino$C_{1-6}$alkylamino; arylsulfonyl; arylsulfonylamino; aryloxy; aryl$C_{2-6}$alkenediyl; di($C_{1-6}$alkyl)amino; di($C_{1-6}$alkyl)amino$C_{1-6}$alkyl; di($C_{1-6}$alkyl)amino$C_{1-6}$alkyl($C_{1-6}$alkyl)amino$C_{1-6}$alkyl; cyano; thiophenyl; thiophenyl substituted with di($C_{1-6}$alkyl)amino$C_{1-6}$alkyl($C_{1-6}$alkyl)amino$C_{1-6}$alkyl, di($C_{1-6}$alkyl)amino$C_{1-6}$alkyl, $C_{1-6}$alkylpiperazinyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl or di(hydroxy$C_{1-6}$alkyl)amino$C_{1-6}$alkyl; furanyl; imidazolyl; $C_{1-6}$alkyltriazolyl; tetrazolyl; pyrrolidinyl; piperidinyl$C_{1-6}$alkyloxy; morpholinyl; $C_{1-6}$alkylmorpholinyl; morpholinyl$C_{1-6}$alkyloxy; morpholinyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl; $C_{1-6}$alkylpiperazinyl; $C_{1-6}$alkylpiperazinyl$C_{1-6}$alkyloxy; $C_{1-6}$alkylpiperazinyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl; $C_{1-6}$alkylpiperazinylsulfonyl; aminosulfonylpiperazinyl$C_{1-6}$alkyloxy; aminosulfonylpiperazinyl; aminosulfonylpiperazinyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl; di($C_{1-6}$alkyl)aminosulfonylpiperazinyl; di($C_{1-6}$alkyl)aminosulfonylpiperazinyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl; hydroxy$C_{1-6}$alkylpiperazinyl; hydroxy$C_{1-6}$alkylpiperazinyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl; $C_{1-6}$alkyloxypiperidinyl; $C_{1-6}$alkyloxypiperidinyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl; hydroxy$C_{1-6}$alkyloxy$C_{1-6}$alkylpiperazinyl; hydroxy$C_{1-6}$alkyloxy$C_{1-6}$alkylpiperazinyl$C_{1-6}$alkyl;

($hydroxyC_{1-6}alkyl)(C_{1-6}alkyl)amino$; ($hydroxyC_{1-6}alkyl)(C_{1-6}alkyl)aminoC_{1-6}alkyl$; $pyrrolidinylC_{1-6}alkyloxy$; pyrazolyl; thiopyrazolyl; pyrazolyl substituted with two substituents selected from $C_{1-6}alkyl$ or $trihaloC_{1-6}alkyl$; pyridinyl; pyridinyl substituted with $C_{1-6}alkyloxy$ or aryl; pyrimidinyl; quinolinyl; indole; phenyl; phenyl substituted with one, two or three substituents independently selected from halo, amino, $C_{1-6}alkyl$, $C_{1-6}alkyloxy$, $hydroxyC_{1-4}alkyl$, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethyloxy, $hydroxyC_{1-4}alkyloxy$, $C_{1-4}alkyloxyC_{1-4}alkyloxy$, $aminoC_{1-4}alkyloxy$, $di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminoC_{1-4}alkyloxy$, $di(C_{1-4}alkyl)amino$, $di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminoC_{1-4}alkyl$, $di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminoC_{1-4}alkyl(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminoC_{1-4}alkyl$, $piperidinylC_{1-4}alkyloxy$, $pyrrolidinylC_{1-4}alkyloxy$, aminosulfonylpiperazinyl, $aminosulfonylpiperazinylC_{1-4}alkyl$, $di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminosulfonylpiperazinyl$, $di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminosulfonylpiperazinylC_{1-4}alkyl$, $hydroxyC_{1-4}alkylpiperazinyl$, $hydroxyC_{1-4}alkylpiperazinylC_{1-4}alkyl$, $C_{1-4}alkyloxypiperidinyl$, $C_{1-4}alkyloxypiperidinylC_{1-4}alkyl$, $hydroxyC_{1-4}alkyloxyC_{1-4}alkylpiperazinyl$, $hydroxyC_{1-4}alkyloxyC_{1-4}alkylpiperazinylC_{1-4}alkyl$, ($hydroxyC_{1-4}alkyl)(C_{1-4}alkyl)amino$, ($hydroxyC_{1-4}alkyl)(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminoC_{1-4}alkyl$, $pyrrolidinylC_{1-4}alkyloxy$, $morpholinylC_{1-4}alkyloxy$, $morpholinylC_{1-4}alkyl$, $C_{1-4}alkylpiperazinyl$, $C_{1-4}alkylpiperazinylC_{1-4}alkyloxy$, $C_{1-4}alkylpiperazinylC_{1-4}alkyl$, $hydroxyC_{1-4}alkylamino$, $di(hydroxyC_{1-4}alkyl)amino$, $di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminoC_{1-4}alkylamino$, aminothiadiazolyl, $aminosulfonylpiperazinylC_{1-4}alkyloxy$, or $thiophenylC_{1-4}alkylamino$.

5. A compound as claimed in claim 1 and 2 wherein n is 1 or 2; t is 0, 1, 2 or 3; each Q is  ; $R^1$ is –C(O)NH(OH); $R^2$ is hydrogen or $C_{1-6}alkyl$; each $R^3$ independently represents a hydrogen atom; $R^4$ is hydrogen; $R^5$ is hydrogen or $C_{1-6}alkyloxyC_{1-6}alkyl$;  is a radical selected from (a-1) or (a-20); each s is independently 0 or 1; and each $R^6$ is independently selected from hydrogen; thiophenyl; furanyl; benzofuranyl; phenyl; or phenyl substituted with one substituents independently selected from $C_{1-6}alkyl$, $C_{1-6}alkyloxy$, $hydroxyC_{1-4}alkyl$ or $di(C_{1-4}alkyl)amino$.

6. A compound according to claim 1, 2 and 5 selected from compounds No. 13, No. 15, No. 2, No. 5, No. 21, No. 4, No. 24, No. 32, No. 26, No. 36, No. 38, No. 39, No. 40, No. 41, No. 42, No. 43, No. 44 and No. 35.

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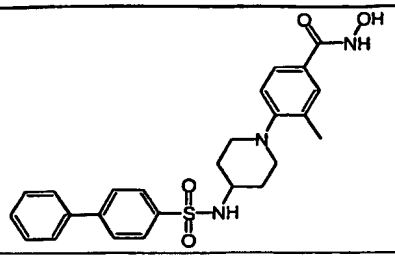
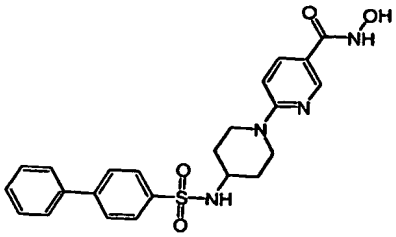
|  |  |
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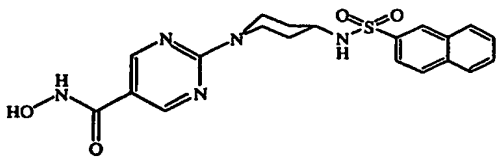
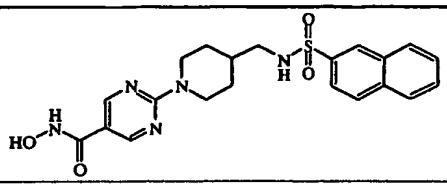
|  |  |
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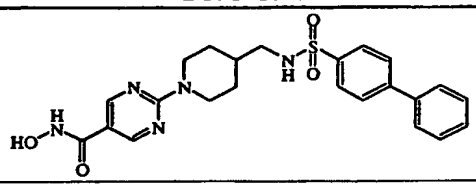
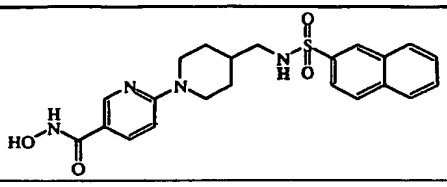
|  |  |
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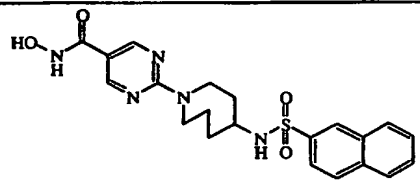
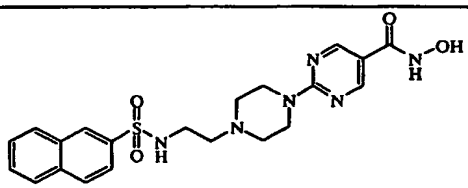
|  |  |
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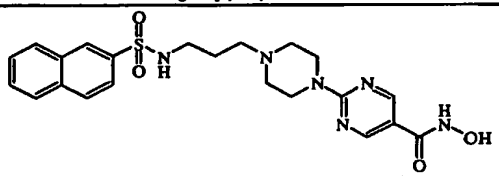
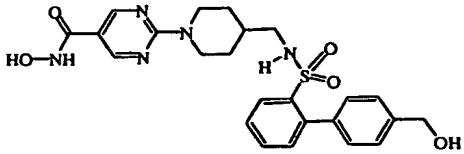
|  |  |
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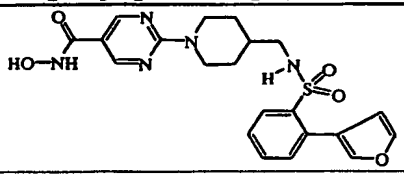
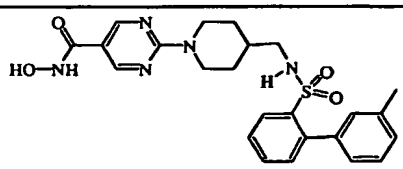
|  |  |
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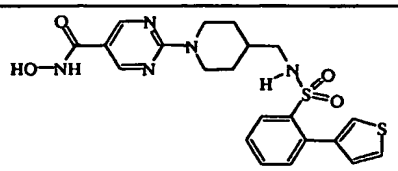
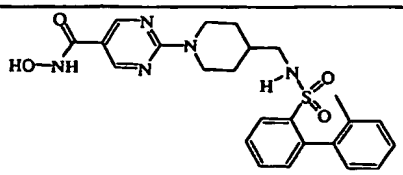
|  |  |
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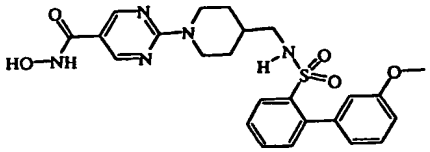
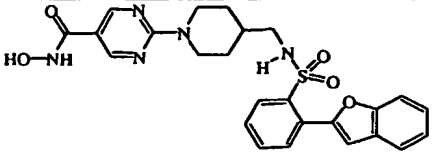
|  |  |
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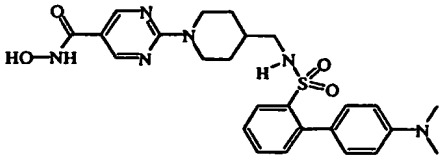
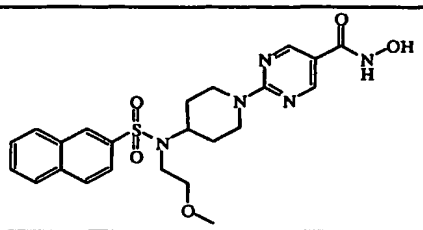
|  |  |
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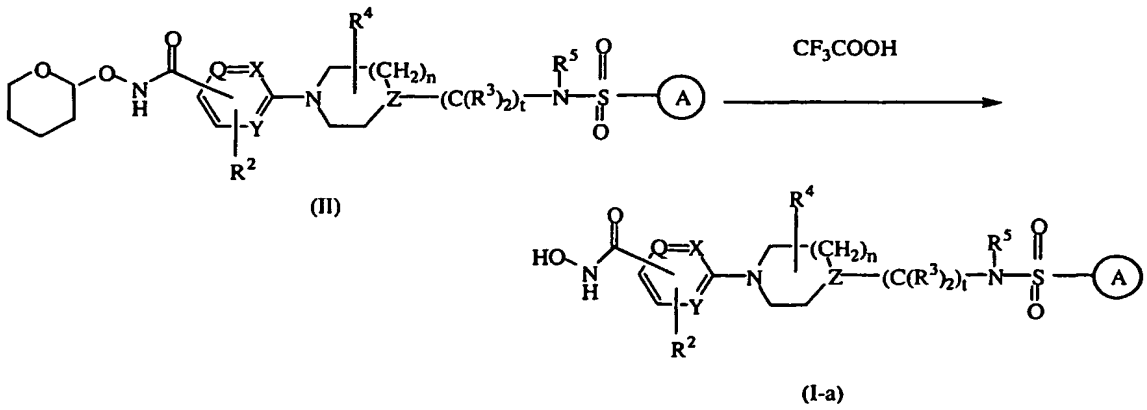
7. A pharmaceutical composition comprising pharmaceutically acceptable carriers and as an active ingredient a therapeutically effective amount of a compound as claimed in claim 1 to 6.

8. A process of preparing a pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 7 wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable carriers and a compound as claimed in claim 1 to 6 are intimately mixed.

9. A compound as claimed in any of claims 1 to 6 for use as a medicine.

10. Use of a compound as claimed in any of claims 1 to 6 for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of proliferative diseases.

11. A process for preparing a compound as claimed in claim 1, characterized by reacting an intermediate of formula (II) with an appropriate acid, such as for example, trifluoro acetic acid, yielding a hydroxamic acid of formula (I-a), wherein $R^1$ is –C(O)NH(OH)




12. A method of detecting or identifying a HDAC in a biological sample comprising detecting or measuring the formation of a complex between a labelled compound as defined in claim (I) and a HDAC.

13. A combination of an anti-cancer agents and a HDAC inhibitor as claimed in any of claims 1 to 6.